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New Smoke Detector and Carbon Monoxide Requirements

Kankakee, IL – There have been some changes in the requirements to smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in one- and two-family dwellings. In order to be compliant with the current standards, the following changes will be enacted immediately.

All property in Kankakee is governed by the adopted City of Kankakee Ordinances, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and Life Safety Code (LSC) 101© 2018 edition.

In chapter 24, in one- and two-family dwellings, the following sections will now be enforced during all smoke and carbon monoxide inspections. Realtors must be notified of these changes immediately.

24.3.4 Detection, Alarm, and Communications Systems

24.3.4.1.1 Smoke alarms shall be installed in accordance with 9.6.2.10 of the LSC 101(Life Safety Code) 2018 Edition© in all of the following locations.

1. In all sleeping rooms.
2. Outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the sleeping rooms. [Within 15' in accordance with the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM)]
3. On each level of the dwelling unit, including basements.

24.3.4.2 Carbon Monoxide Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detection Systems

24.3.4.2.1 Installed where dwellings contain fuel-burning appliances or fuel-burning fire places.

24.3.4.2.2 Where required by 24.3.4.2.1 carbon monoxide alarms or carbon monoxide detectors shall be installed in the following locations:

1. Outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the sleeping rooms. [Within 15' in accordance with the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM)]
2. On every occupiable level of a dwelling unit, including basements, and excluding unfinished attics and crawl spaces.

A new law will require smoke detectors to have a 10-year sealed battery. The requirement goes into effect on January 1, 2023. This new law applies to residents who are using alarms with removable batteries or smoke alarms that are not hardwired in to the electrical system. For further assistance or questions, please contact the Kankakee Fire Department at 815-933-0452.

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